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NEW PROVINCIAL PARKS POLICY POSITION

(Summary Only)

The Government of Alberta recognizes the need for a definitive parks policy, and to this end sets forth the following policy positions covering seven major program areas:

1. **Expansion.** The Alberta Government commitment to Provincial Parks will more than triple over three years:
 - it will provide land acquisition for new park space
 - it will upgrade present Provincial Parks
 - it will develop presently undeveloped Provincial Parks
2. **Natural Ecology.** Provincial Parks should be developed in harmony with their natural attributes. We take the position that they should:
 - develop according to ecological characteristics
 - there should be emphasis on outdoor recreation
 - we should preserve natural setting in perpetuity
 - we should protect them from mechanized use and certain intensive developments
3. **People.** Provincial Parks must be more accessible to Alberta citizens and visitors:
 - metropolitan Parks are needed; e.g. Fish Creek in Calgary
 - we need to improve access for senior citizens and the disadvantaged
 - there should be emphasis on family outings
 - we should encourage public involvement in the planning process
4. **Resource Development.** There are conflicts which need to be resolved. To this end we propose to:
 - reconcile certain long-standing conflicts
 - preclude development where recreation conflict is substantial
 - provide strict supervision of existing resource developments
 - enforced rigid reclamation requirements
5. **Private Enterprise.** Will be encouraged outside Provincial Parks as an important potential for rural development. Factors involved are:
 - recreation opportunities by private developers; e.g. campground facilities
 - subject to proper health and environmental standards
 - day-use emphasis in most Provincial Parks
 - use of private consultants in Provincial Parks planning
6. **Larger Parks.** Most Provincial Parks are small and should be balanced with larger Parks:
 - more Park space is needed
 - larger Parks will be favored
 - we should emphasize open space
 - larger Parks should be zoned
7. **Integrated Planning.** Coordination with all recreation potentials is essential. We must work together in these related areas:
 - National and Municipal Parks
 - forest reserves and public land management
 - historical, cultural and wilderness values
 - tourism promotion in Alberta

DETAILED PARKS POLICY STATEMENT

A park is a tract of land offering varied outdoor recreational opportunities and containing natural scenic beauty or historical significance. In Alberta there are 51 Provincial Parks (see attached map) that comprise less than 1 percent of Alberta. The five National Parks located in our Province cover over 8 percent of Alberta. Of the 51 Alberta Parks, 46 have some degree of development and five Parks are wholly undeveloped. The attached appendices give information on facilities and user statistics of the present Parks over the last five years.

The previous Parks Policy (1967) is as follows:

"Under the provisions of the Department of Lands and Forests Act, the Provincial Parks Act, and other pertinent statutes, the Department is charged with the management and administration of Provincial Parks.

The Provincial Parks Division of the Department of Lands and Forests is charged with all matters relating to the management and administration of parks.

For purposes of administration, a park is any area designated under the provisions of the Provincial Parks Act.

The fundamental and important obligation in the administration of parks is to preserve from impairment all significant objects and features of nature in the park and its natural recreational activities and developments in perpetuity."

The present Government regards the foregoing as an inadequate and incomplete statement of Parks policy.

The Government's assessment is that the present Provincial Parks system in Alberta is inadequate. More park space is needed. Many existing Provincial Parks are badly in need of upgrading; some areas had been declared as Provincial Parks without advance physical or financial planning. There are serious resource development conflicts in certain Provincial Parks. The most serious Provincial Park system defect is location; Albertans in metropolitan centers are seriously disadvantaged in their opportunities to enjoy our Parks. The problem is especially acute for disadvantaged Albertans and for senior citizens.

It is essential that Park Policy be integrated with both tourism potential and other outdoor recreation opportunities such as wilderness and sportsman activities.

For the Alberta Provincial Park system of the future, the Government of Alberta sets forth this seven-point statement of Parks Policy:

1. Expansion:

Financial Commitment for Provincial Parks in Alberta will more than triple over the next three years. This 300 percent increase, starting with 1973, will result in a dramatic expansion of our Parks system through land acquisition, upgrading, and new development. There will be new Provincial Parks. Defective and inadequate Parks will be properly developed with a systematic upgrading program. Previously declared but undeveloped Parks will be properly planned and developed. Data on Provincial Parks expenditures over the last five years are attached.

2. Natural Ecology:

Parks should be nature oriented. There are four ecological zones in Alberta: Short Grass Prairie, Foothills, Aspen Parkland, and Northern Forest (note the attached brochure). Provincial Parks in Alberta will be selected, planned, and developed to emphasize opportunity for outdoor open-space recreation experience and to preserve, and where possible improve, the ecological character of the Park in perpetuity. Interpretive nature programs will be emphasized. Alberta's Parks lands will be protected from mechanized use such as snowmobiles and all-terrain-vehicles (ATV's). Other activities such as townsites, swimming pools, organized athletic games, rodeos, and private cottages will be regarded as conflicts in new Parks.

3. People.

Parks are for People — Albertans and Alberta visitors — Parks must be accessible. The Government is determined that its Parks be located for more equal access. The attached map includes 50-mile radius circles around Edmonton and Calgary; it can readily be seen that access to Provincial Parks is very limited for more than half of the citizens of Alberta. The newly announced Provincial Park in Calgary on Fish Creek relieves the Parks access disadvantage for Calgarians. Within 18 months the Government plans to announce a Provincial Park in the metropolitan Edmonton area. We recognize that in the accelerated life of today people's happiness through physical and mental health can be provided by the Parks outdoor experience. In our Parks the opportunity for family outings will be emphasized. Public involvement will be sought in the planning of new Parks and major Park expansions; part of the planning process for new Parks will be public hearings in the locality of the new Park. The Government of Alberta is and shall remain open to public comment and suggestion in its constant effort to improve the Provincial Parks of Alberta.

4. Resource Development:

Resource development and park use will be reconciled. Resource development will be precluded where it is in substantial conflict with outdoor recreation experience. In many Provincial Parks resource development should be ruled out. Boundary adjustments will be considered where necessary. Resource development that can occur will be under strict supervision and rigid conditions of reclamation.

5. Private Enterprise:

The recreation market offers a great opportunity for rural development; e.g., campground facilities. The Government will encourage the development of recreation opportunities by private enterprise. Private planners and consultants will be used in Provincial Parks planning. Except for more remote locations, Provincial Parks will emphasize day-use recreational activities. Private enterprise will be challenged to provide additional campground and intensive recreational opportunities outside our Parks. These developments would be subject to proper health and environmental standards.

6. Larger Parks:

Provincial Parks should be larger. Cypress Hills is the largest Provincial Park by far with Dinosaur next and then Lesser Slave Lake. Most Alberta Provincial Parks are small; more than half (27 Parks) are under 500 acres in size. The new Park on Fish Creek in Calgary is a step toward a new policy direction of larger Provincial Parks. This metropolitan Provincial Park will be eighth largest in Alberta. The larger Provincial Parks should be zoned so the recreational needs of more people can, in harmony with the recreation capability of the area, be considered in park design.

7. Integrated Planning:

The Government of Alberta recognizes that Provincial Parks are some of the building blocks in the broad sweep of Alberta's recreation potential. There are others. Provincial Parks policy and planning will integrate with factors related to: National Parks, municipal parks, the recreation potential of Alberta's forest reserves, tourism promotion in Alberta, management of public land on the east slopes of the Rockies, historical and cultural heritage programs, wilderness areas, and other recreational potentials. The overall objective is to coordinate development of Alberta's recreation potentials by providing a variety of outdoor recreation experiences while conserving Alberta's natural beauty for her future generations.

APPENDIX A

BROCHURE ON ECOLOGICAL ZONES OF ALBERTA



Miqueelon Lake	1,044	x		x	x	x									
Moonshine Lake	1,932	x	x	x	x	x			x		x	x			Spirit River
Moose Lake	1,719	x		x	x	x			x		x	x	x		Bonnyville
O'Brien	166	x		x	x	x							x		Grande Prairie
Park Lake	188	x		x	x	x	x		x		x	x			Lethbridge
Pembina River	409	x		x	x	x				x					Entwistle
Pigeon Lake	467			x	x	x			x	x	x	x			Wetaskiwin
Police Outpost	361	x	x	x	x	x			x				x	x	Cardston
Red Lodge	159	x		x	x	x	x								Bowden
Rochon Sands	158	x		x	x	x			x	x	x				Ersrine
Saskatoon Island	251	x		x	x	x	x		x						Grande Prairie
Sir Winston Churchill	591	x	x	x	x	x			x		x	x	x	x	Lac La Biche
Taber	127	x		x	x	x									Taber
The Vermilion	1,805	x		x	x	x	x		x		x	x			Vermilion
Thunder Lake	514	x		x	x	x	x		x		x	x			Barrhead
Tillebrook Campsite	253						x			x					Brooks
Wabamun Lake	524	x		x	x	x	x		x	x	x	x			Wabamun
Williamson	43	x		x	x	x	x		x		x	x			Valleyview
Willow Creek	76	x	x	x	x	x					x				Stavely
Winagami Lake	2,992	x		x	x	x	x		x	x	x	x			McLennan
Woolford	87	x		x	x	x							x		Woolford
Writing-on-Stone	1,059	x	x	x	x	x									Milk River
Gregoire Lake	1,695			x					Under Development						Ft. McMurray
Calling Lake	1,829			x					Undeveloped						Athabasca
Dry Island Buffalo Jump	1,300	x	x						Undeveloped						Huxley
Hasse Lake	170			x					Undeveloped						Stony Plain
Hommy	16			x					Undeveloped						Beaverlodge
Young's Point	2,454			x					Undeveloped						Valleyview

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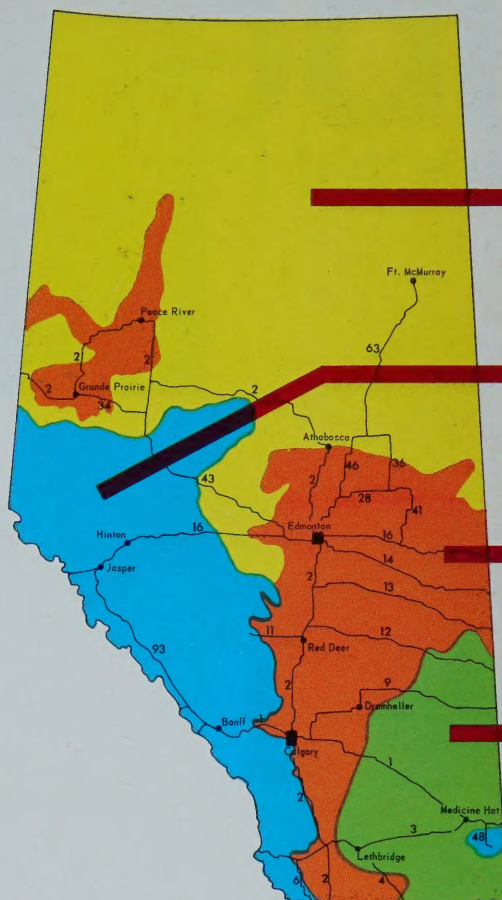
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ALBERTA'S ECOLOGICAL ZONES

THE NORTHERN FOREST

Almost all of the northern two-thirds of this province is a vast spruce and poplar forest. It is a land of rolling hills and poorly drained swamps where the plants and animals must be tough to survive the short, cool summers and long, below zero winters.

THE FOOTHILLS

Piled up like petrified waves against the eastern edge of the Rockies are the foothills. This marvelous combination of plant and animal communities is a mixing pot for sub-alpine, grassland, aspen parkland and boreal forest. The north west slopes are usually wet and forested while the drier south east faces are mostly grass and provide key wintering ranges for Elk and Bighorn sheep.

THE ASPEN PARKLAND

Sometimes flat, sometimes mounded up by glaciers, this fertile area is dotted with small duck ponds. Berry bushes and grasses are everywhere but no plant is as obvious as the aspen poplar tree. The aspen parkland mixes gradually with the boreal forest to the north while at the same time is expanding southward into the prairie.

SHORT GRASS PRAIRIE

East of the foothills and south of the aspen parklands are the dry open prairie grasslands. Except along the wet river banks the grasslands are too dry for trees and too moist for desert. Although these grasslands appear barren, they are one of the richest areas in the province for birds and wildflowers.

Miquelet Lake	1,044	x	x	x	x	x		x	x	x		Spirit River
Moonshine Lake	1,932	x	x	x	x	x		x	x	x	x	Bonnyville
Moose Lake	1,719	x		x	x	x						Grande Prairie
O'Brien	166	x		x	x	x				x		Lethbridge
Park Lake	188	x		x	x	x	x	x		x		Entwistle
Pembina River	409	x		x	x	x		x				Wetaskiwin
Pigeon Lake	467			x	x	x		x	x			Cardston
Police Outpost	361	x	x	x	x	x		x			x	Bowden
Red Lodge	159	x		x	x	x	x					Erskine
Rochon Sands	158	x		x	x	x		x	x	x		Grande Prairie
Saskatoon Island	251	x		x	x	x	x	x				Lac La Biche
Sir Winston Churchill	591	x	x	x	x	x		x		x	x	Taber
Taber	127	x		x	x	x						Vermilion
The Vermilion	1,805	x		x	x	x	x	x		x	x	Barrhead
Thunder Lake	514	x		x	x	x	x	x		x	x	Brooks
Tillebrook Campsite	253					x			x			Wabamun
Wabamun Lake	524	x		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	Valleyview
Williamson	43	x		x	x	x	x	x		x	x	Stavely
Willow Creek	76	x	x	x	x	x				x		McLennan
Winagami Lake	2,992	x		x	x	x	x	x	x	x		Woolford
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Writing-on-Stone	1,059	x	x	x	x	x						Ft. McMurray
Gregoire Lake	1,695			x				Under Development				Athabasca
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NORTHERN FOREST PARKS



CROSS LAKE

Cross Lake Park is one of Alberta's quietest and prettiest parks. Large mature trees, alive with chipmunks and woodpeckers, and dark undergrowth provide a setting comparable to any mountain park. Relaxation in a wilderness setting is the benefit provided by this park, but boating and fishing for northern pike are popular activities on Cross Lake.

GREGOIRE LAKE

This large northern lake located 25 miles southeast of Fort McMurray provides year round fishing for northern pike and yellow perch. It is a popular recreation area for the local residents. The park provides interesting hiking trails, a scenic shoreline and a good sandy beach with boat launching facilities. In a boreal forest type of topography, Gregoire Lake contains large mature trees and dense undergrowth.

LESSER SLAVE LAKE

This is the third largest park in Alberta. Stretching along the east shore of the lake, it is presently under development in some areas and completed in others. Primitive campgrounds in the park facilitate camping and picnicking while large sandy beaches provide a swimming area.

Being off the main tourist route, 20 miles west of Spirit River, this park attracts mainly local residents. Heavy tree cover is the dominant feature of the park. Nature enthusiasts can enjoy the rich variety of plant and animal life. Earlier activities gave this local name to this lake which is known as Mirage Lake geographically.

A boreal forest type of park, Moose Lake is considered by many to be one of Alberta's prettiest. Moose Lake offers good swimming and boating facilities. Being a newly developed park, it is not suffering from overuse, so a quiet camping trip or picnic is still a reality. Nature trails have been established to enable hikers to take full advantage of viewing the delicate vegetation and wildlife.

This park is located on an island in Lac La Biche with one of the most unique natural settings in the parks system. Natural sandy beaches make it ideal for people seeking leisure enjoyment or more active recreation such as fishing, (northern pike, yellow perch, walleye), boating and swimming. The island is accessible by a 1½ mile causeway, making the entry of the park something to remember. The closest major centre is the town of Lac La Biche, located 6 miles southwest of the park.



Miquelon Lake	1,044	x	x	x	x	x							Spirit River
Moonshine Lake	1,932	x	x	x	x	x		x		x	x		Bonnyville
Moose Lake	1,719	x		x	x	x		x		x	x	x	Grande Prairie
O'Brien	166	x		x	x	x					x		Lethbridge
Park Lake	188	x		x	x	x	x	x		x	x		Entwistle
Pembina River	409	x		x	x	x			x				Wetaskiwin
Pigeon Lake	467			x	x	x		x	x	x	x		Cardston
Police Outpost	361	x	x		x	x	x	x			x	x	Bowden
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Wabamun Lake	524	x		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	Valleyview
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Willow Creek	76	x	x		x	x				x			McLennan
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THUNDER LAKE

This park provides overnight camping and picnic sites in a natural and scenic setting. Boating is made interesting by islands in the lake, and many uninhabited coves. The blue heron is not an uncommon site, as Thunder Lake is one of the few nesting sites of this majestic bird. Swimming, water skiing and fishing (northern pike) are some of the sports indulged in.

WILLIAMSON

In the last few years, a small park on Sturgeon Lake near Calais has rapidly become one of Northern Alberta's favorite campsites. Williamson Park has been improved to accommodate campers and daytime visitors. Sturgeon Lake is noted for its good fishing (northern pike, walleye, yellow perch) and is a favorite for swimmers and sun-bathers.

WINAGAMI LAKE

Winagami Lake Park, 15 miles southeast of McLennan, provides excellent fishing (northern pike, yellow perch, walleye) and ample area for boating. The beach area can accommodate a large number of swimmers. Picnic shelters and change houses are provided. For overnight campers, the park can accommodate tents and trailers.

Photo by Red Hasay





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Miqueolon Lake	1,044	x	x	x	x	x						Spirit River
Moonshine Lake	1,932	x	x	x	x	x		x		x	x	Bonnyville
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ASPEN PARKLAND PARKS



ASPEN BEACH

One of Alberta's most central parks, Aspen Beach has much to offer the camper, boater and picnicker. The wide shallow sandy beach is safe for children. The warm waters of Gull Lake provide excellent swimming and water-skiing. Aspen Beach is conveniently located 7 miles west of Alberta's No. 2 Highway near Lacombe.

BIG HILL SPRINGS

The park is located 10 miles northeast of Cochrane in the transition zone between the parkland and the foot-hills area. Spectacular bubbling springs adjacent to the park provide water for 30 small waterfalls, flowing the year around which are located in the park. Enhancing the popularity is a setting of mixed spruce and poplar tree cover.

BIG KNIFE

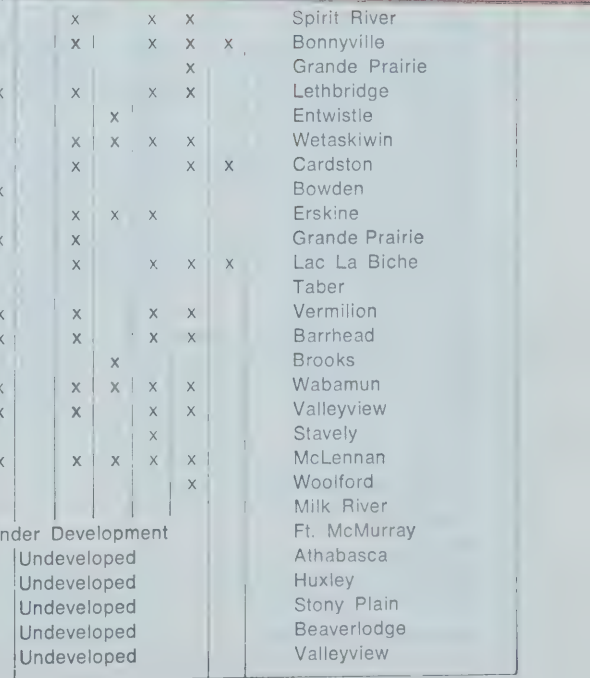
Established on the site of an Indian battleground, Big Knife Park is becoming a favorite spot for camping, hiking, picnicking and sporting events. To facilitate activities there is a large grassy play area. The Battle River meanders through the park and the waters backed up from a dam provide recreation for boaters.

This park is located on Dillberry Lake off Highway 17 straddling the Saskatchewan-Alberta border. It is enjoyed equally by residents of both provinces. The small clear lake and sandy beach are popular with swimmers and fishermen (perch and rainbow trout). The provision of good boat launching facilities attracts many boating enthusiasts.

A large expanse of beach and good fishing (northern pike, yellow perch) make this lake a popular camping spot for a great number of people. It is also very popular among water skiers and boating enthusiasts. The lake is nestled in the midst of rolling hills which help to provide shelter from the elements. This recreational park is located 2 miles north of Spedden and Highway 28.

This tiny park provides only basic facilities for picnicking during the day. It is located near the Beaverlodge River, 5 miles northwest of the townsite of Beaverlodge. Large shady trees are scattered throughout the park providing a tranquil setting commonplace in the Peace River area of Alberta.

Jarvis Bay Park is located on Sylvan Lake 12 miles west of Red Deer. A new park with modern facilities, this park is expected to become one of Alberta's favorites. Camping is the only attraction, but the dense, unspoiled undergrowth yields an interesting alternative for the nature enthusiast.



Miquelon Lake	1,044	x	x	x	x	x							Spirit River
Moonshine Lake	1,932	x	x	x	x	x			x	x	x		Bonnyville
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O'Brien	166	x		x	x	x					x		Lethbridge
Park Lake	188	x		x	x	x	x		x		x	x	Entwistle
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LAC CARDINAL

This relatively lightly used park, just 4 miles from Grimshaw, is primarily used for picnicking. The lake is shallow and supports little boating or fishing, yet swimming is popular. Camping facilities are available and are located between the trees which parallel the lakeshore.

LONG LAKE

A long, narrow, lake set in a heavily wooded valley provides a very scenic and interesting camping experience. A large playground and a supervised swimming area make it very popular with the children. The lake provides excellent sport fishing (northern pike). Long Lake is also well suited for boating and water skiing enthusiasts. The 17 mile road from Newbrook is paved to make the drive more enjoyable.

MA-ME-O BEACH

Ma-Me-O Beach, Alberta's smallest park, cannot support the large demand for its use. Thus, only picnicking is allowed in the park. Swimming in the warm waters of Pigeon Lake is safe and enjoyable.

MIQUELON LAKE

One of the most highly developed parks in Alberta is located about 40 miles southeast of Edmonton. This park boasts a large warm water lake and a wide safe beach in the main developed area. Boating and swimming are favorite pastimes at the park, and picnicking and camping facilities are highly rated.

Alberta Govt. Photo



O'BRIEN

A favorite picnic area in the Peace River country is O'Brien Park. Tall evergreen and deciduous trees create an overhead canopy which gives a feeling of enclosure. The gently sloping grassy area is limited by shrubbery on three sides and the Wapiti River on the fourth. Camping is becoming more popular as it is only 9 miles south of Grande Prairie and the Alaska Highway.

PEMBINA RIVER

This is one of the favorite stopovers for travellers along Highway 16. It is located in the Pembina River Valley, surrounded by hills and the swift flow of the river. Pembina River has a scenic beauty not found elsewhere in the immediate area. Heavy foliage and large grassy areas present a pleasing spot for every age group. The river yields good catches of walleye and Rocky Mountain whitefish.

PIGEON LAKE (Opening late 1972)

Pigeon Lake Park is located 30 miles west of Wetas-kiwin on the west shore of Pigeon Lake, one of the province's more popular lakes for swimming, boating and waterskiing. The park is developed for camping and picnicking with some of the park's more complete facilities. The terrain is generally covered with poplar and underbrush with some conifers along the beach. In addition to various water sports, the park also offers such activities as bush or shore walking, and water fowl and bird viewing.



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Miquelon Lake	1,044	x	x	x	x	x						Spirit River
Moonshine Lake	1,932	x	x	x	x	x		x	x	x		Bonnyville
Moose Lake	1,719	x	x	x	x	x		x	x	x	x	Grande Prairie
O'Brien	166	x		x	x	x						Lethbridge
Park Lake	188	x		x	x	x	x	x		x	x	Entwistle
Pembina River	409	x		x	x	x			x			Wetaskiwin
Pigeon Lake	467			x	x	x		x	x	x	x	Cardston
Police Outpost	361	x	x	x	x	x		x			x	Bowden
Red Lodge	159	x		x	x	x	x					Erskine
Rochon Sands	158	x		x	x	x		x	x	x		Grande Prairie
Saskatoon Island	251	x		x	x	x	x	x				Lac La Biche
Sir Winston Churchill	591	x	x	x	x	x		x		x	x	Taber
Taber	127	x		x	x	x						Vermilion
The Vermilion	1,805	x		x	x	x	x	x		x	x	Barrhead
Thunder Lake	514	x		x	x	x	x	x		x	x	Brooks
Tillebrook Campsite	253						x					Wabamun
Wabamun Lake	524	x		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	Valleyview
Williamson	43	x		x	x	x	x	x		x	x	Stavely
Willow Creek	76	x	x	x	x	x				x		McLennan
Winagami Lake	2,992	x		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	Woolford
Woolford	87	x		x	x	x					x	Milk River
Writing-on-Stone	1,059	x	x	x	x	x						Ft. McMurray
Gregoire Lake	1,695			x				Under Development				Athabasca
Calling Lake	1,829			x				Underdeveloped				Huxley
Dry Island Buffalo Jump	1,300	x	x					Underdeveloped				Stony Plain
Hasse Lake	170			x				Underdeveloped				Beaverlodge
Hommy	16			x				Underdeveloped				Valleyview
Young's Point	2,454			x				Underdeveloped				

RED LODGE

Highway No. 2 and Bowden are located only 9 miles east of Red Lodge Park. Large mature trees supply shade and protection from the wind. The Little Red Deer River flows aimlessly through the park with camping and picnicking facilities overlooking it in many places. Children will appreciate the grassy play area and the small wading pool. Angling for Rocky Mountain whitefish is often rewarding.

ROCHON SANDS

Centrally located in Alberta on Buffalo Lake near Stettler is Rochon Sands Park. Buffalo Lake is a long-time favorite for fishermen (northern pike), water skiers and swimmers. The undergrowth provides wind protection while the larger trees supply necessary shade for the large turnouts of campers and picnickers who visit the park.

SASKATOON ISLAND

The Saskatoon Island Park is situated on Saskatoon Lake 15 miles west of Grande Prairie. The park derives its name from the berries that grow in abundance on the island. This small park is used to a large degree by the local residents as a picnic area. Because of the shallowness of the lake, it is not suitable for most water sports. Many species of water fowl make their homes on this lake and consequently, the area around the park has been declared a bird sanctuary.

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Miquelon Lake	1,044	x	x	x	x	x							Spirit River
Moonshine Lake	1,932	x	x	x	x	x			x		x	x	Bonnyville
Moose Lake	1,719	x		x	x	x			x		x	x	Grande Prairie
O'Brien	166	x			x	x					x		Lethbridge
Park Lake	188	x			x	x	x		x		x	x	Entwistle
Pembina River	409	x			x	x	x			x			Wetaskiwin
Pigeon Lake	467				x	x	x		x	x			Cardston
Police Outpost	361	x	x		x	x	x		x			x	Bowden
Red Lodge	159	x			x	x	x						Erskine
Rochon Sands	158	x			x	x	x		x	x			Grande Prairie
Saskatoon Island	251	x			x	x	x		x				Lac La Biche
Sir Winston Churchill	591	x	x		x	x	x		x		x	x	Taber
Taber	127	x			x	x	x						Vermilion
The Vermilion	1,805	x			x	x	x		x		x	x	Barrhead
Thunder Lake	514	x			x	x	x		x		x	x	Brooks
Tillebrook Campsite	253						x			x			Wabamun
Wabamun Lake	524	x			x	x	x		x	x	x	x	Valleyview
Williamson	43	x			x	x	x		x		x	x	Stavely
Willow Creek	76	x	x		x	x	x				x		McLennan
Winagami Lake	2,992	x			x	x	x		x	x	x	x	Woolford
Woolford	87	x			x	x	x					x	Milk River
Writing-on-Stone	1,059	x	x		x	x	x						Ft. McMurray
Gregoire Lake	1,695				x				Under Development				Athabasca
Calling Lake	1,829				x				Undeveloped				Huxley
Dry Island Buffalo Jump	1,300	x	x						Undeveloped				Stony Plain
Hasse Lake	170				x				Undeveloped				Beaverlodge
Hommy	16				x				Undeveloped				Valleyview
Young's Point	2,454				x				Undeveloped				

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Moonshine Lake	1,932	x	x	x	x	x		x		x	x	Bonnyville
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O'Brien	166	x		x	x	x				x		Lethbridge
Park Lake	188	x		x	x	x	x	x		x	x	Entwistle
Pembina River	409	x		x	x	x			x			Wetaskiwin
Pigeon Lake	467			x	x	x		x	x	x	x	Cardston
Police Outpost	361	x	x	x	x	x		x			x	Bowden
Red Lodge	159	x		x	x	x	x					Erskine
Rochon Sands	158	x		x	x	x		x	x	x		Grande Prairie
Saskatoon Island	251	x		x	x	x	x	x				Lac La Biche
Sir Winston Churchill	591	x	x	x	x	x		x		x	x	Taber
Taber	127	x		x	x	x						Vermillion
The Vermilion	1,805	x		x	x	x	x	x		x	x	Barrhead
Thunder Lake	514	x		x	x	x	x	x		x	x	Brooks
Tillebrook Campsite	253						x		x			Wabamun
Wabamun Lake	524	x		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	Valleyview
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Dry Island Buffalo Jump	1,300	x	x					Undeveloped				Stony Plain
Hasse Lake	170			x				Undeveloped				Beaverlodge
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SHORT GRASS PRAIRIE PARKS

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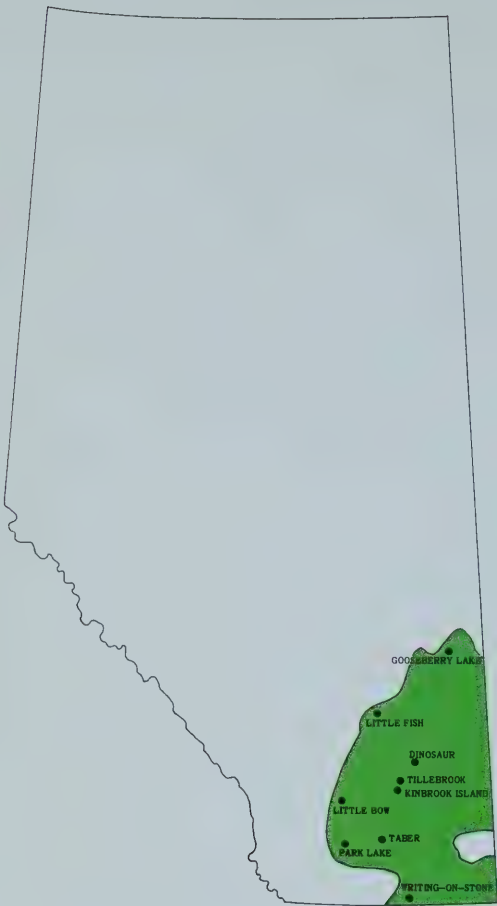
One of the most important historical parks in Canada is located 26 miles northeast of Brooks along the course of the Red Deer River. Dinosaur Park, consisting of 22,000 acres, is noted for its magnificent bad lands, dinosaur quarries and displays. A major portion of the park is restricted and accessible only by means of a guided bus tour. Other areas contain self guided nature trails and walks through areas of great historical and geological interest.

GOOSEBERRY LAKE

This pleasant, quiet park, 7 miles north of Consort off Highway 12, provides the only good swimming in the immediate area. The lake and docking facilities are excellent for boaters and waterskiers but regrettably, the lake lacks fish. Camping and picnic facilities are provided, so visitors are able to enjoy the park and watch the various species of shorebirds and waterfowl found in the area.

KINBROOK ISLAND

Lake Newell, a man-made irrigation reservoir, supplies the fishing (northern pike, lake whitefish), swimming and boating for the many people who visit Kinbrook Island Park. A 10 minute drive south of Brooks over bald prairie terminates at the sight of green foliage and the blue waters of the lake. A favorite spot for picnickers and campers, Lake Newell and the park are relaxing recreational outlets.



LITTLE BOW

The orchard type atmosphere of Little Bow Park plus the beauty of the surrounding lake and hills combine to create an ideal setting for picnickers, campers and boaters. The park is located in a coulee 13 miles east of Champion. It offers good fishing on Travers Reservoir for yellow perch, northern pike and whitefish. Only the experienced are encouraged to swim off the steep banks of the reservoir.

LITTLE FISH

Contrary to what its name implies, Little Fish has excellent fishing for yellow perch. Located on the prairies near Drumheller, it has been slated as one of Alberta's popular sailboating lakes. Facilities are minimal, but camping and picnicking are allowed.

PARK LAKE

Large poplar trees provide shade and give Park Lake a relaxing atmosphere and are the main reason for this park's intensive use. A 15 minute drive north of Lethbridge takes one to this man-made reservoir where swimming in the warm safe waters and boating, provide the necessary ingredients for a wonderful camping or daytime trip.



Photo by V. Claerhout

Miquelon Lake	1,044	x	x	x	x	x							Spirit River
Moonshine Lake	1,932	x	x	x	x	x			x		x	x	Bonnyville
Moose Lake	1,719	x		x	x	x			x		x	x	Grande Prairie
O'Brien	166	x		x	x	x						x	Lethbridge
Park Lake	188	x		x	x	x	x		x		x	x	Entwistle
Pembina River	409	x		x	x	x				x			Wetaskiwin
Pigeon Lake	467			x	x	x			x	x			Cardston
Police Outpost	361	x	x	x	x	x			x			x	Bowden
Red Lodge	159	x		x	x	x	x						Erskine
Rochon Sands	158	x		x	x	x			x	x	x		Grande Prairie
Saskatoon Island	251	x		x	x	x	x		x				Lac La Biche
Sir Winston Churchill	591	x	x	x	x	x			x		x	x	Taber
Taber	127	x		x	x	x							Vermilion
The Vermilion	1,805	x		x	x	x	x		x		x	x	Barrhead
Thunder Lake	514	x		x	x	x	x		x		x	x	Brooks
Tillebrook Campsite	253					x				x			Wabamun
Wabamun Lake	524	x		x	x	x	x		x	x	x	x	Valleyview
Williamson	43	x		x	x	x	x		x		x	x	Stavely
Willow Creek	76	x	x	x	x	x					x		McLennan
Winagami Lake	2,992	x		x	x	x	x		x	x	x		Woolford
Woolford	87	x		x	x	x						x	Milk River
Writing-on-Stone	1,059	x	x	x	x	x							Ft. McMurray
Gregoire Lake	1,695			x				Under Development					Athabasca
Calling Lake	1,829			x				Undeveloped					Huxley
Dry Island Buffalo Jump	1,300	x	x					Undeveloped					Stony Plain
Hasse Lake	170			x				Undeveloped					Beaverlodge
Hommy	16			x				Undeveloped					Valleyview
Young's Point	2,454			x				Undeveloped					

TABER

On the Oldman River, 2 miles north of the townsite of Taber, is a small park sometimes called a bird watcher's paradise. Such birds as the mourning dove and the baltimore oriole can be viewed with ease. Picnicking by the local residents accounts for the greatest use but for the holidayer who likes to get off the highway, the park provides a quiet, scenic camping spot for the night.

TILLEBROOK

East of Brooks on Highway No. 1, Tillebrook campsite offers fully modern camping facilities for the holidayer. The campground has been planted with trees and shrubs and is irrigated, forming an oasis on the Alberta prairie. The surrounding area is famous for its pheasants, and the keen observer has a chance of spotting the elusive antelope. The irrigation canal which forms the west boundary provides some fishing (northern pike) when the canal is flowing.

WRITING-ON-STONE

Situated 20 miles east of Highway Number 4 on the Milk River, this park is one of the most interesting to visit. At different times it was a home for the N.W.M.P. in Alberta, a whiskey smuggling passage into Canada from the U.S.A. and a sacred Indian writing ground. Indian stories called pictographs are scribed on the rocks. Hoodoos, formed by wind and rain erosion on soft sandstone, create a fantasy land on the prairie. Picnic and camping facilities are available to make one's trip more pleasurable.

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Photo by G. Rushton

Provincial Parks Photo

Miquelon Lake	1,044	x	x	x	x	x		x		x	x		Spirit River
Moonshine Lake	1,932	x	x	x	x	x		x		x	x	x	Bonnyville
Moose Lake	1,719	x		x	x	x				x			Grande Prairie
O'Brien	166	x		x	x	x				x			Lethbridge
Park Lake	188	x		x	x	x	x	x		x	x		Entwistle
Pembina River	409	x		x	x	x			x				Wetaskiwin
Pigeon Lake	467			x	x	x		x	x	x	x		Cardston
Police Outpost	361	x	x	x	x	x		x			x	x	Bowden
Red Lodge	159	x		x	x	x	x						Erskine
Rochon Sands	158	x		x	x	x		x	x	x			Grande Prairie
Saskatoon Island	251	x		x	x	x	x	x					Lac La Biche
Sir Winston Churchill	591	x	x	x	x	x		x		x	x	x	Taber
Taber	127	x		x	x	x							Vermilion
The Vermilion	1,805	x		x	x	x	x	x		x	x		Barrhead
Thunder Lake	514	x		x	x	x	x	x		x	x		Brooks
Tillebrook Campsite	253						x		x				Wabamun
Wabamun Lake	524	x		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		Valleyview
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Willow Creek	76	x	x	x	x	x				x			McLennan
Winagami Lake	2,992	x		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		Woolford
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Dry Island Buffalo Jump	1,300	x	x					Undeveloped					Stony Plain
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Hommy	16			x				Undeveloped					Valleyview
Young's Point	2,454			x				Undeveloped					



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		x			Entwistle
	x	x	x	x	Wetaskiwin
	x			x x	Cardston
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	x	x	x		Erskine
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	x		x	x	Barrhead
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FOOTHILL PARKS



BEAUVAIS LAKE

Beauvais Lake Park is located 15 miles southwest of Pincher Creek between the foothills and subalpine region. The water in the lake is extremely cold, therefore, not thoroughly enjoyed by swimmers. The trout fishing and boating provided is excellent. The area is rich in a variety of plant life and abundant scenic beauty.

BOW VALLEY

The Bow Valley is situated in the scenic mountainous area 40 miles west of Calgary on the Trans-Canada Highway to Banff. For the benefit of the tourist, the park contains a campsite with modern facilities. The area has many types of glacial remnants and is treed with spruce and pine.

BRAGG CREEK

The delicate undergrowth in Bragg Creek Park is well preserved considering it is located near a townsite 20 miles west of Calgary. Fishing (Rocky Mountain whitefish, rainbow trout, eastern brook trout) in the Elbow River is often rewarding. Primarily a picnic area, Bragg Creek receives a reasonable number of campers who enjoy the grassy play areas amidst a wilderness setting.

CHAIN LAKES

As one of Alberta's most heavily stocked trout lakes, Chain Lakes is, for this reason, one of the most favored parks in the province. Primarily set up to accommodate fishermen, it now has facilities for camping and boating. The park is located 20 miles off the No. 2 Highway, west of Nanton.

CRIMSON LAKE

Crimson Lake is a scenic park located in the central foothills region just 9 miles northwest of Rocky Mountain House. The lake is quite warm and suitable for swimming. Wildlife is abundant and it is not unusual to see moose, deer and bear in one's travels. The dense evergreen forest of this region gives the camper a feeling of quietness and solitude. Much of the area is undeveloped and allows the explorer a multitude of hiking experiences.

CYPRESS HILLS

The largest of Alberta's provincial parks is located 40 miles southeast of Medicine Hat. The hills rise 2,000 feet above the prairies. It is heavily wooded on the northern slopes and contains unique geological non-glaciated formations. The park is rich in both natural and human history and there are unique specimens of plant life and an abundance of wildlife. Cypress Hills offers winter recreation such as skiing, tobogganning, ice fishing, curling and skating. A golf course is located close by. Reesor Lake, within the park, provides excellent rainbow trout fishing.



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Miquelon Lake	1,044	x	x	x	x	x				x		x	x		Spirit River
Moonshine Lake	1,932	x		x	x	x	x			x		x	x	x	Bonnyville
Moose Lake	1,719	x			x	x	x			x					Grande Prairie
O'Brien	166	x			x	x	x								Lethbridge
Park Lake	188	x			x	x	x	x		x		x	x		Entwistle
Pembina River	409	x			x	x	x				x				Wetaskiwin
Pigeon Lake	467				x	x	x			x	x	x	x		Cardston
Police Outpost	361	x	x		x	x	x			x				x	Bowden
Red Lodge	159	x			x	x	x	x							Erskine
Rochon Sands	158	x			x	x	x			x	x	x			Grande Prairie
Saskatoon Island	251	x			x	x	x	x		x					Lac La Biche
Sir Winston Churchill	591	x	x		x	x	x			x		x	x	x	Taber
Taber	127	x			x	x	x								Vermilion
The Vermilion	1,805	x			x	x	x	x		x		x	x		Barrhead
Thunder Lake	514	x			x	x	x	x		x		x	x		Brooks
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Wabamun Lake	524	x			x	x	x	x		x	x	x	x		Valleyview
Williamson	43	x			x	x	x	x		x		x	x		Stavely
Willow Creek	76	x	x		x	x	x	x				x			McLennan
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ENTRANCE

Surrounding a chain of five small lakes, Entrance Park is located in the foothills, 14 miles northwest of Hinton. This scenic wilderness park is in a setting of spruce and pine which provides a paradise for the canoeist and hiking enthusiast. Wildlife is abundant and many campers and picnickers have sighted several different species of animals.

POLICE OUTPOST

Alberta's most southern park has the international boundary between the U.S.A. and Canada as its southern limit. Outpost Lake is a good fishing area (rainbow trout), with small craft boating (5 - 8 m.p.h.) becoming a favorite pastime. An organized system of camping and picnicking makes for an enjoyable stay.

WILLOW CREEK

The terrain surrounding Willow Creek Park is characterized by rolling hills, coulees and creeks. The principal activities are camping, picnicking and swimming. Being just 10 miles west of the Number 2 Highway, it receives most of its visitors from Nanton, Stavely and Claresholm.

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Photo by Jim Nalbach

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O'Brien	166	x			x	x	x							x				Lethbridge
Park Lake	188	x		x	x	x	x	x		x		x	x					Entwistle
Pembina River	409	x		x	x	x					x							Wetaskiwin
Pigeon Lake	467			x	x	x	x			x	x	x	x					Cardston
Police Outpost	361	x	x	x	x	x	x			x				x	x			Bowden
Red Lodge	159	x			x	x	x	x										Erskine
Rochon Sands	158	x		x	x	x	x			x	x	x						Grande Prairie
Saskatoon Island	251	x		x	x	x	x	x		x								Lac La Biche
Sir Winston Churchill	591	x	x	x	x	x	x			x		x	x	x				Taber
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The Vermilion	1,805	x		x	x	x	x	x		x		x	x					Barrhead
Thunder Lake	514	x		x	x	x	x	x		x		x	x					Brooks
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Wabamun Lake	524	x		x	x	x	x	x		x	x	x	x					Valleyview
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Willow Creek	76	x	x	x	x	x	x					x						McLennan
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Hommy	16			x						Undeveloped								Valleyview
Young's Point	2,454			x						Undeveloped								

The provincial park system in Alberta had its beginning with the establishment of Aspen Beach Provincial Park on Gull Lake, May 15, 1932. Since that time, it has been the purpose of provincial parks to provide active and passive recreation in a setting of natural beauty for the population of the province and its visitors. The fundamental and important obligation in the administration of parks is to preserve from impairment all significant objects and features of nature in the park while providing the opportunities for enjoyment of the park and its natural recreational activities and developments in perpetuity.

PARK SYMBOLS



WATER SKIING

GENERAL CAMPING
OR CAMPGROUND

SWIMMING



PICNICKING



TENTING



NATURE TRAIL



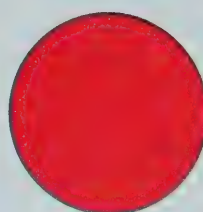
HOLIDAY TRAILERS



FISH CLEANING STAND



PICNIC SHELTER



BOAT LAUNCH



ICE SKATING



TRAILER SEWAGE DISPOSAL



SKIING



CONCESSION



TOILET :



ANGLE PARKING



DRINKING WATER



PARKING



SHOWERS



CHANGE F

Miquelon Lake	1,044	x	x	x	x	x							Spirit River
Moonshine Lake	1,932	x	x	x	x	x			x		x	x	Bonnyville
Moose Lake	1,719	x		x	x	x			x		x	x	Grande Prairie
O'Brien	166	x		x	x	x							Lethbridge
Park Lake	188	x		x	x	x	x		x		x	x	Entwistle
Pembina River	409	x		x	x	x				x			Wetaskiwin
Pigeon Lake	467			x	x	x			x	x	x	x	Cardston
Police Outpost	361	x	x	x	x	x			x			x	Bowden
Red Lodge	159	x		x	x	x	x						Erskine
Rochon Sands	158	x		x	x	x			x	x	x		Grande Prairie
Saskatoon Island	251	x		x	x	x	x		x				Lac La Biche
Sir Winston Churchill	591	x	x	x	x	x			x		x	x	Taber
Taber	127	x		x	x	x							Vermilion
The Vermilion	1,805	x		x	x	x	x		x		x	x	Barrhead
Thunder Lake	514	x		x	x	x	x		x		x	x	Brooks
Tillebrook Campsite	253						x			x			Wabamun
Wabamun Lake	524	x		x	x	x	x		x	x	x	x	Valleyview
Williamson	43	x		x	x	x	x		x		x	x	Stavely
Willow Creek	76	x	x	x	x	x					x		McLennan
Winagami Lake	2,992	x		x	x	x	x		x	x	x	x	Woolford
Woolford	87	x		x	x	x	x					x	Milk River
Writing-on-Stone	1,059	x	x	x	x	x							Ft. McMurray
Gregoire Lake	1,695			x					Under Development				Athabasca
Calling Lake	1,829			x					Undeveloped				Huxley
Dry Island Buffalo Jump	1,300	x	x						Undeveloped				Stony Plain
Hasse Lake	170			x					Undeveloped				Beaverlodge
Hommy	16			x					Undeveloped				Valleyview
Young's Point	2,454			x					Undeveloped				



APPENDIX B

ALBERTA PARKS RESOURCE AND FACILITIES CHART 1973

Name of Park	Area in Acres												Nearest City or Town
		Scenic	Historical	Recreational	Picnicking	Camping	Confectionery	Boat Rental	Boat Launch	Sewage Disposal	Designated Swimming	Fishing	
Aspen Beach	373		x	x	x		x	x	x	x			Lacombe
Beauvais Lake	1,165	x		x	x	x		x			x		Pincher Creek
Big Hill Springs	63	x	x	x	x	x							Cochrane
Big Knife	732	x	x	x	x	x	x	x			x		Forestburg
Bow Valley	2,309	x	x	x	x	x			x		x		Seebe
Bragg Creek	302	x		x	x						x		Calgary
Chain Lakes	1,011	x		x	x	x		x	x		x		Nanton
Crimson Lake	7,873	x		x	x	x	x	x		x			Rocky Mountain House
Cross Lake	4,126	x		x	x	x	x	x		x	x		Fawcett
Cypress Hills	49,620	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	Medicine Hat
Dillberry Lake	252	x		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		Provost
Dinosaur	22,072	x	x	x	x	x						x	Patricia
Entrance	6,618	x		x	x	x		x			x		Hinton
Garner Lake	182	x		x	x	x	x	x		x	x		Spedden
Gooseberry Lake	128	x		x	x	x	x	x		x			Consort
Jarvis Bay	216	x		x		x			x		x	x	Sylvan Lake
Kinbrook Island	95	x		x	x	x	x	x		x	x		Brooks
Lac Cardinal	300	x		x	x	x	x	x		x	x		Grimshaw
Lesser Slave Lake	17,858	x		x	x					x	x		Slave Lake
Little Bow	272	x		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		Champion
Little Fish Lake	151	x	x	x	x	x		x		x			Drumheller
Long Lake	1,887	x		x	x	x	x	x		x	x		Newbrook
Ma-Me-O Beach	4			x	x								Wetaskiwin
Miquelon Lake	1,044	x		x	x	x	x	x	x	x			Camrose
Moonshine Lake	1,932	x	x	x	x	x		x		x	x		Spirit River
Moose Lake	1,719	x		x	x	x		x		x	x	x	Bonnyville
O'Brien	166	x		x	x	x					x		Grande Prairie
Park Lake	188	x		x	x	x	x	x		x	x		Lethbridge
Pembina River	409	x		x	x	x			x				Entwistle
Pigeon Lake	467			x	x	x		x	x	x	x		Wetaskiwin
Police Outpost	361	x	x	x	x	x		x			x	x	Cardston
Red Lodge	159	x		x	x	x	x						Bowden
Rochon Sands	158	x		x	x	x		x	x	x			Erskine
Saskatoon Island	251	x		x	x	x	x	x					Grande Prairie
Sir Winston Churchill	591	x	x	x	x	x		x		x	x	x	Lac La Biche
Taber	127	x		x	x	x							Taber
The Vermilion	1,805	x		x	x	x	x	x		x	x		Vermilion
Thunder Lake	514	x		x	x	x	x	x		x	x		Barrhead
Tillebrook Campsite	253					x			x				Brooks
Wabamun Lake	524	x		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		Wabamun
Williamson	43	x		x	x	x	x	x		x	x		Valleyview
Willow Creek	76	x	x	x	x	x				x			Stavely
Winagami Lake	2,992	x		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		McLennan
Woolford	87	x		x	x	x						x	Woolford
Writing-on-Stone	1,059	x	x	x	x	x							Milk River
Gregoire Lake	1,695			x			Under Development						Ft. McMurray
Calling Lake	1,829			x			Undeveloped						Athabasca
Dry Island Buffalo Jump	1,300	x	x				Undeveloped						Huxley
Hasse Lake	170			x			Undeveloped						Stony Plain
Hommy	16			x			Undeveloped						Beaverlodge
Young's Point	2,454			x			Undeveloped						Valleyview

USE ANALYSIS OF ALBERTA'S PROVINCIAL PARKS; 1968-72

Name of Park	Patron Attendance				
	1968-1969	1969-1970	1970-1971	1971-1972	1972-Oct.
Aspen Beach	433,418	478,116	664,778	297,723	202,743
Beauvais Lake	62,084	48,564	73,528	64,077	57,188
Big Hill Springs	48,758	55,907	55,713	51,534	72,197
Big Knife	34,122	33,315	25,217	39,978	46,744
Bow Valley	246,012	165,239	69,530	71,515	91,951
Bragg Creek	58,906	79,813	73,704	109,376	111,772
Chain Lakes	18,361	145,098	131,789	127,089	94,564
Crimson Lake	117,258	144,560	160,716	155,627	170,368
Cross Lake	25,701	30,611	31,452	38,790	44,708
Cypress Hills	603,858	685,723	744,998	580,431	575,385
Dillberry Lake	23,878	29,598	72,300	87,074	61,038
Dinosaur	50,769	53,089	37,877	42,722	54,622
Entrance	9,949	8,621	39,110	44,336	39,615
Garner Lake	51,287	66,615	81,320	126,452	156,492
Gooseberry Lake	46,898	60,805	55,420	50,913	28,996
Jarvis Bay				7,552	38,954
Kinbrook Island	86,484	114,620	125,782	219,832	118,455
Lac Cardinal	35,832	34,077	19,416	28,126	23,245
Lesser Slave Lake					
Little Bow	60,328	69,484	96,420	112,012	88,644
Little Fish Lake	10,825	13,162	13,270	17,082	13,704
Long Lake	57,026	73,881	122,739	139,368	199,128
Ma-Me-O Beach	28,843	47,487	49,320	33,295	32,383
Miqueon Lake	339,523	470,727	483,838	253,416	109,512
Moonshine Lake	26,892	26,948	45,564	59,567	105,028
Moose Lake				1,932	21,072
O'Brien	30,721	47,117	43,408	65,888	11,474
Park Lake	122,710	284,428	362,907	373,438	341,574
Pembina River	69,090	73,582	70,056	111,215	141,614
Pigeon Lake					
Police Outpost				27,563	14,916
Red Lodge	94,841	91,076	147,724	157,452	116,380
Rochon Sands	84,671	109,479	144,127	168,321	142,096
Saskatoon Island	61,014	90,581	95,818	85,418	101,478
Sir Winston Churchill		24,414	37,686	46,445	63,471
Taber	54,872	73,322	58,550	83,152	32,396
The Vermilion	154,192	162,368	190,397	192,051	158,706
Thunder Lake	98,787	71,489	92,776	94,061	110,976
Tillebrook Campsite			20,738	57,822	61,622
Wabamun Lake	302,680	339,092	399,974	277,411	194,445
Williamson	92,596	97,618	84,733	81,999	17,894
Willow Creek	35,291	42,764	48,047	51,477	76,142
Winagami Lake	81,219	74,565	50,762	70,087	66,116
Woolford	20,628	14,935	36,123	30,035	20,814
Writing-on-Stone	23,890	24,040	29,527	32,430	27,936
Gregoire Lake					
Calling Lake					
Dry Island Buffalo Jump					
Hasse Lake				1,076	6,368
Hommy					
Young's Point					
TOTAL	3,804,214	4,556,930	5,187,154	4,767,160	
TOTAL (APRIL to OCT.)	3,581,595	4,249,616	4,913,214	4,588,220	4,264,926

APPENDIX C
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Name of Park	Trailers — Yearly Total				
	1968-1969	1969-1970	1970-1971	1971-1972	1972-Oct.
Aspen Beach	8,459	9,331	13,425	14,034	9,157
Beauvais Lake	712	1,005	1,219	1,270	1,776
Big Hill Springs	322	606	682	790	1,365
Big Knife	356	802	753	1,491	1,166
Bow Valley	2,561	2,955	3,188	4,505	5,768
Bragg Creek	566	832	724	2,365	2,517
Chain Lakes	397	4,687	4,643	5,563	3,761
Crimson Lake	2,403	3,035	3,886	5,003	3,705
Cross Lake	667	1,414	1,562	2,492	2,456
Cypress Hills	5,116	8,287	11,542	13,452	13,933
Dillberry Lake	1,148	1,767	2,054	2,319	1,298
Dinosaur	562	645	652	1,058	1,532
Entrance	344	655	1,572	2,846	1,191
Garner Lake	1,747	2,126	2,506	5,897	3,842
Gooseberry Lake	460	643	444	619	530
Jarvis Bay				367	1,372
Kinbrook Island	1,309	1,572	2,315	2,002	2,709
Lac Cardinal	967	963	1,035	1,650	837
Lesser Slave Lake		46	1,659	2,286	
Little Bow	1,978	2,004	3,780	5,396	4,918
Little Fish Lake	418	530	554	587	593
Long Lake	2,878	5,128	5,357	5,363	6,165
Ma-Me-O Beach					
Miquelon Lake	4,000	6,061	5,304	5,080	4,203
Moonshine Lake	438	471	661	1,211	1,104
Moose Lake					75
O'Brien	400	381	482	540	29
Park Lake	471	962	1,226	2,149	1,909
Pembina River	1,579	2,937	2,505	2,928	2,799
Pigeon Lake					
Police Outpost				1,593	1,014
Red Lodge	1,756	2,536	4,121	6,180	5,538
Rochon Sands	1,839	3,142	3,101	3,889	2,983
Saskatoon Island	830	884	1,152	1,489	1,587
Sir Winston Churchill		90	239	895	1,868
Taber	759	823	1,126	1,422	401
The Vermilion	1,086	1,156	1,470	1,859	1,846
Thunder Lake	2,490	1,795	1,985	2,090	2,364
Tillebrook Campsite			333	2,489	3,175
Wabamun Lake	3,681	4,082	4,278	4,709	4,488
Williamson	2,513	2,456	2,911	3,332	3,530
Willow Creek	777	1,257	2,438	3,191	3,115
Winagami Lake	711	799	632	903	1,185
Woolford	74	199	261	345	284
Writing-on-Stone	107	140	215	272	417
Gregoire Lake					
Calling Lake					
Dry Island Buffalo Jump					
Hasse Lake				71	
Hommy					
Young's Point					
TOTAL	56,883	79,204	97,992	127,705	
TOTAL (APRIL to OCT.)	56,839	79,097	97,912	127,544	114,505

APPENDIX C
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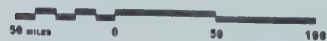
Name of Park	Tents — Yearly Total				
	1968-1969	1969-1970	1970-1971	1971-1972	1972-Oct.
Aspen Beach	3,494	3,237	4,422	4,147	2,936
Beauvais Lake	422	362	446	523	522
Big Hill Springs	484	702	865	748	803
Big Knife	132	145	195	374	148
Bow Valley	1,988	808	1,017	1,353	1,666
Bragg Creek	495	413	504	1,410	1,450
Chain Lakes	71	982	940	1,219	723
Crimson Lake	1,182	937	1,249	1,236	1,057
Cross Lake	607	767	751	778	714
Cypress Hills	2,324	2,743	2,780	3,475	3,217
Dillberry Lake	377	481	528	616	391
Dinosaur	356	347	416	458	707
Entrance	356	461	3,266	1,179	279
Garner Lake	754	631	465	915	634
Gooseberry Lake	615	695	493	564	87
Jarvis Bay				46	599
Kinbrook Island	654	759	821	734	880
Lac Cardinal	1,207	978	948	992	439
Lesser Slave Lake		3	1,141	1,408	
Little Bow	881	771	1,164	1,561	868
Little Fish Lake	80	347	1,202	449	270
Long Lake	3,047	3,286	5,831	6,645	3,915
Ma-Me-O Beach					
Miquelon Lake	1,835	2,436	1,989	2,209	1,482
Moonshine Lake	362	285	786	1,160	579
Moose Lake					47
O'Brien	190	161	306	250	62
Park Lake	289	419	552	644	573
Pembina River	659	739	607	734	730
Pigeon Lake					
Police Outpost				205	148
Red Lodge	496	150	151	351	541
Rochon Sands	522	692	673	806	530
Saskatoon Island	229	155	285	234	329
Sir Winston Churchill		79	135	322	680
Taber	180	316	347	432	164
The Vermilion	370	422	420	520	474
Thunder Lake	1,165	733	705	495	658
Tillebrook Campsite			123	774	1,058
Wabamun Lake	2,041	1,960	2,029	2,453	1,912
Williamson	778	800	720	581	403
Willow Creek	416	524	483	502	655
Winagami Lake	570	460	379	374	392
Woolford	86	301	437	271	285
Writing-on-Stone	58	78	112	176	207
Gregoire Lake					
Calling Lake					
Dry Island Buffalo Jump					
Hasse Lake				5	
Hommy					349
Young's Point					
TOTAL	29,772	30,564	40,683	44,328	
TOTAL (APRIL to OCT.)	29,760	30,470	40,681	44,298	34,563

APPENDIX D

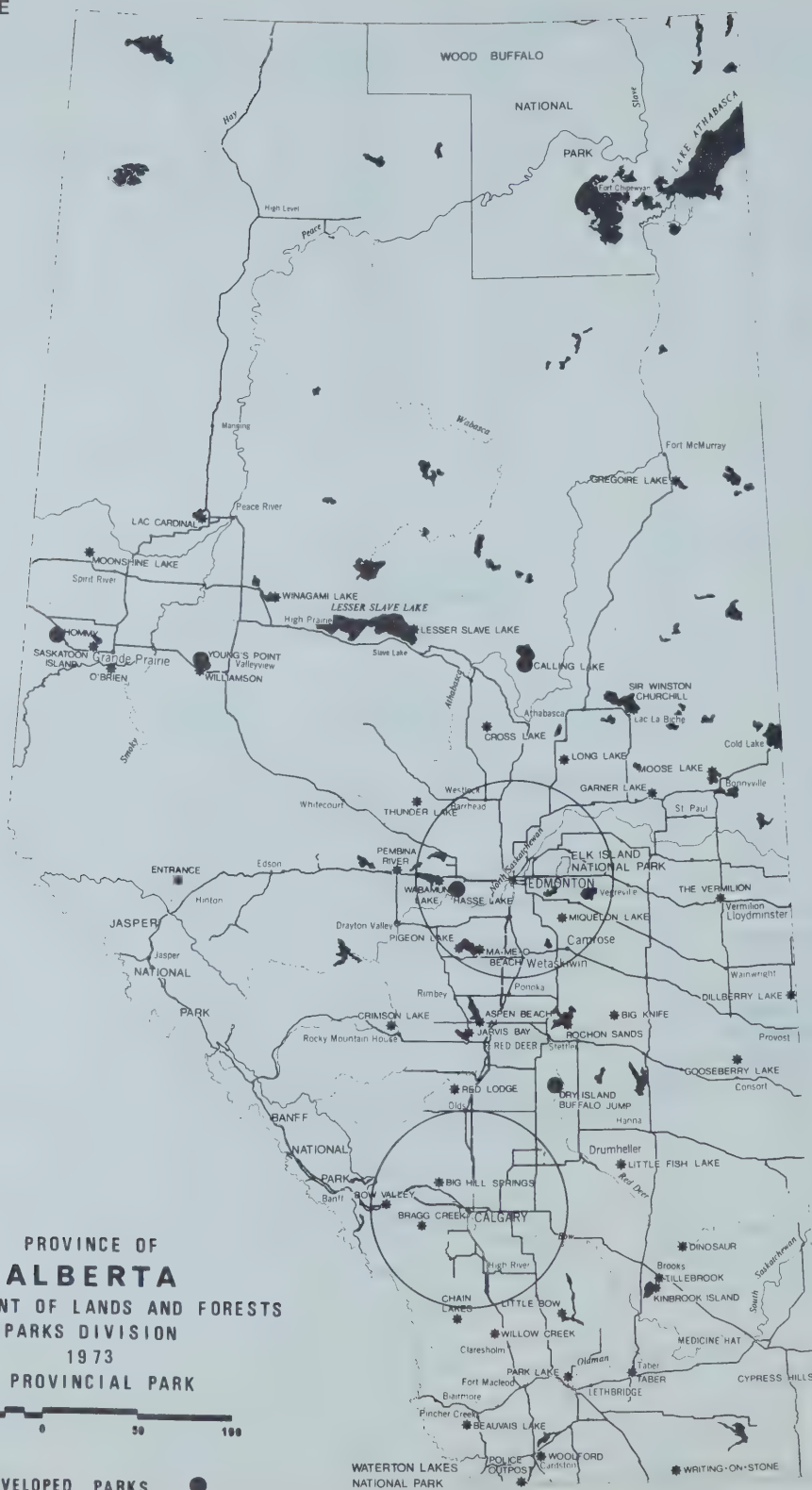
EXPENDITURE PATTERNS

	1968-1969	1969-1970	1970-1971	1971-1972	1972-1973
Income	1,970,786.53	2,414,374.62	2,615,978.42	2,226,282.00	2,962,565.00
Parks Capital	120,585.34	137,434.40	81,177.64	128,598.84	155,300.00
D.P.W. Capital	195,755.67	824,933.18	774,395.54	824,477.54	251,767.00
Land Purchase Prov. Parks	15,649.00	50,583.00	162,063.00	23,633.00	10,470.00
Land Purchase Recreation Land Bank Purposes	45,000.00	50,170.00	15,000.00		

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